









WRITES OF  
NARROW ESCAPE.

The vicissitudes of Mr. W. H. Cox, former Williamson citizen, who was captured by Villistas in Mexico, continued to a dangerous and finally sentenced to execution after a mock trial, are told in a letter of thanks recently written to Senator William E. Chilton.

While a great deal of credit for Cox's release is doubtless due Senator Chilton, it was Cox's son, Phelan, of this city, who did most of the work. Young Cox secured the funds necessary for his father to make a proper defense. He also solicited the help of citizens who had known Cox while a resident here.

The letter received by Senator Chilton relates in detail some of the trials endured by the former Williamson, who was captured in February last, Cox was not allowed counsel or permitted to secure evidence for his defense. While he has been liberated, the money taken from him was confiscated by Villa. The same kind of money was circulated by both Carranza and Villa and it was over this money that Cox was arrested, his captors alleging it to be counterfeit.

Following is the letter in full:

"Brownsville, Texas, July 22, 1915.  
"Hon. W. E. Chilton,  
"United States Senator.  
"Dear Sir: To thank you for your work in Mexico. That your prompt action in securing my release from the hands of a bunch of savages is a boon which I do not doubt.

Execution is Halted.

"The appeal to the state department at that time gave that department good grounds for the strong protestations made by the secretary of state which no doubt stopped my execution which had been ordered by Gen. Francisco Villa a few days after your letter to Secretary Bryan.

"I was in an awkward predicament, as some of the state department representatives knew me and I am convinced that two of them had wired the state department that I was apparently guilty of the charges against me. Up to April 10, five days after my arrest, I was given no show to get any evidence in my behalf and had been taken before the courts, questioned often with an incompetent interpreter without permission of consulting counsel or having any counsel present.

"About the time the order of execution was made a fake confession was introduced and an attempt to close the case made. The fake confession was introduced by a high official of the Villa army, a man to whom I had never spoken.

Proves His Innocence.

"However, after the protestations made by the state department through Mr. Marion Leitcher, consul at Chihuahua, I was given a new trial and a fair trial, in which I was permitted to employ counsel and competent interpreter and was shown every consideration. I proved my innocence beyond a doubt and the trial judge, in rendering his decision, said he found me not guilty of any crime whatsoever and ordered my release from prison and the restitution of my liberty, but in the same decision confiscated my money, which has not yet been returned to me, although I had proven that the Carranza officials were placing it in circulation. Both Villa and Carranza had forced the circulation in their respective territories and also it had been put in circulation by force by the Villa people for 60 days after my arrest.

"I filed a bill in evidence that had been stamped as good by the Villa of details of the identical bills, which was done after my arrest.

"I don't mind mentioning these things, as I only do so to show you that your confidence in me and my friends was not misplaced.

"I beg to remain,  
"Your obedient servant,  
"W. H. Cox," Mingo Republican.

BRAMMER GAP.

A new church at Brammer Gap, located last Sunday by Bro. H. H. H. and a large crowd was present.

There was a hole in the wall of the church, and a body came out. Rev. H. H. H. was there. Mrs. J. H. H. was there. Mrs. J. H. H. was there.

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## Her Sister's Elopement

By SADIE OLCOTT

My sister Clemantine is full of romance. Clem is four years older than I. She is twenty, and I'm sixteen. Phil Armitage has been loitering around her for a long while, and it makes me sick to see how they act.

The other day Clem came to me and said, "Phil, Phil and I are going to elope, and I want you to help us."

"Elope?" says I. "What are you going to elope for? You know well enough you would be glad to have some one take you off his hands."

"Don't say that to Phil. I've told him you expect me to marry a rich man or a big one of some kind. Don't you know that a man wants what it's hard for him to get? If Phil knew he would be glad to turn over my support to him he'd cool off right away."

"Clem," I says, "I never knew before you had so much sense. You're dead right."

"And don't you forget it. When you come to a marriageable age and a fellow comes courting you make him think you're doing him a great favor if you just look at him."

I almost snickered right out at this. How patronizing of Clem! She doesn't know that I've got five beaux and could have as many more as I like.

Well, I asked her what she wanted me to do, and she said that just before I went to bed on the night of the elopement I was to go into father's room, feel in his trousers' pocket and steal the key to the wagon house, where he keeps lots of things, unlock the door, get out the ladder and carry it around under her window, where Phil would have no trouble in finding it. I promised to do this and anything else that she wanted me to do, but she said there was nothing else. I asked her what were the arrangements for the wedding, and she said that at 11 o'clock Phil was to put the ladder up so that she could go down to him. He was to have a wagon at the crossroads, and they were to go to Marion Miller's to be married. Then they were to take the 12:30 train on their wedding journey and the next day she would telegraph me asking forgiveness.

I thought it was just too bad that Clem and Phil should have such a doleful wedding—no cake, no luncheon or anything—and I wondered if I couldn't help them out a bit. I just told four boys and three girls that I wanted them to have a magnificent ride with me in our demurest wagon, and they all agreed. I asked if I might have the horses, and he said I might and gave me the key to the wagon house. Johnnie Walker came round and helped me hitch up.

My riding party was arranged for the night Clem was to make her elopement. Johnny Walker came round about 8 o'clock and I told him what we were going to do. Just before we drove off to pick up the rest of the party he carried the ladder around to the side of the house, where Clem's room was, and laid it down on the grass.

We had a merry ride, singing most of the way, and shortly before 11 o'clock I told about Clem's elopement and proposed that we make a wedding party for her—poor thing! They were all mighty well pleased with the idea, so we drove past the crossroads, where we saw Phil's wagon hitched, and on to a short distance beyond the house, where we all got out and crept along under the force out of the moonlight to a place where we could see Clem's room.

We had none of us ever seen an elopement before, and I tell you it was lots of fun. We saw Phil steal up, dodging under the trees, put up the ladder and Clem come down. Then they both started for their wagon, and we went back to ours. It wasn't long after this till we were jogging along behind them.

They passed the parson's and, turning off the pike, took a dirt road that would lead them back to the parson's again. We turned, too, and followed them. They tried in every way to shake us, but we wouldn't be shook. When they came to the parson's next time they stopped and waited in the wagon for us to go on. We stopped and debated what to do, and at last they concluded to go into the parsonage. They got out, Phil hitched the horse, and they rang the doorbell. We drove on with a laugh, and they thought they were rid of us, but as soon as they had been admitted we turned, drove back and, opening the parsonage door, all piled into the house.

You should have seen Clem when she saw me come in, followed by a lot of boys and girls. She looked daggers at me, I tell you.

"Clem," I said, "we didn't like for you and Phil to be married with no attendants, so we just thought we'd come and see you off."

Phil tried to laugh as if he thought it a good joke, but it was a mighty poor laugh. There was nothing for them to do but be married as they had intended, and when they had been tied together we all congratulated them, we girls offering to kiss Clem. Clem kissed them all except me, but when she refused I put my handkerchief to my eyes as though my feelings were hurt, though I was laughing.

Phil was hurt, though I was laughing. The NEWS wishes him the greatest success.

## Young Man, if You Want to Make Good, Go to Church!

### YOUNG men should GO TO CHURCH!

The flippant youth of the day is wont to remark that the churches are for old men and women. He treats lightly the GO TO CHURCH movement. Many of the young men of the day say that they intend to have their thing while they are young. It is time enough to think of the church when they get old. Where is the young man who can say that he will live to be old? Where is the young man who, with certainty, can say that he will live another day? Delays always are dangerous, but a delay in making your peace with God is doubly so. Pick up your newspaper any day and see the long list of persons who, without a moment's warning, are plunged into eternity.

THE CHURCH WANTS THE YOUNG MAN. THERE IS NOTHING MORE INSPIRING THAN TO SEE A CHURCH FILLED WITH YOUNG MEN. THE YOUNG MEN SHOULD BE LEADERS IN THE GO TO CHURCH MOVEMENT. THIS IS THE DAY OF THE YOUNG MAN. NO GREAT MOVEMENT CAN HOPE TO SUCCEED WITHOUT HIS HELP. IF THE YOUNG MEN GET INTO THIS GO TO CHURCH MOVEMENT IT WILL BE THE TREMENDOUS SUCCESS IT DESERVES TO BE. THE YOUNG MAN WHO IS ANXIOUS FOR A FUTURE; THE YOUNG MAN WHO WOULD EARN THE RESPECT OF THE COMMUNITY; THE YOUNG MAN WHO WANTS TO MAKE GOOD WILL GO TO CHURCH. HE WILL BE SEEN IN CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY.

The really great men of the country went to church when they were boys. They went to church when they were young men. And they GO TO CHURCH today. Their greatness in life may be traced to GOING TO CHURCH. The church is not alone for the old men and the old women. It is for the young. It is for the strong. It is for the vigorous.

Yes, the church needs the young men. The young women do not need urging. They GO TO CHURCH. Let all young men follow their good example.

### DIFFICULTIES OF MARKETING FARM TIMBER.

The marketing of farm timber presents some of the same difficulties, but in an aggravated form, that the farmer meets in selling other crops, says a Forest Service contribution to the Year Book of the Department of Agriculture. The farmer finds it hard to get enough for his timber. Most farmers now sell their saw under on the stump to a mill man, each side ordinarily being made for a lump sum. The mill man, experienced in estimating, goes through the woods and sizes up the quantity and value of the timber he wants. The owner, being a farmer and not a lumberman, seldom knows anything about estimating timber and has only the vaguest idea of what it ought to bring. The consequence of this condition is that the farmer often receives only a small fraction of the actual market value of his stumpage.

Astonishing examples of what a farmer may thus throw away are often encountered by foresters, continues the article. For instance, a Massachusetts farmer sold a million feet of timber to a portable saw mill man for \$1,200 and thought he had obtained a good price. His neighbor, however, who knew something about timber, got \$3,000 for the same quantity of white pine from the same portable mill man. The first farmer, on account of his ignorance, practically presented the mill man with \$1,800, the second farmer was wise enough to learn before he attempted to sell his timber how much he had and what it ought to bring him in money.

The productive capacity of the 200 million acres of farm lands throughout the country is enormous, says the article. This area is estimated to be larger than all the national forests put together, and with an annual growth of 200 million feet per acre of saw timber, a moderate allowance under the practice of forestry it would produce annually forever 40 billion or the equivalent of the entire lumber cut of the country, in addition to not less than 120 million cords of firewood.

These figures, continues the article, probably never will be realized, for the reason that the present area of farm woodlands is much greater than it will be eventually. For example, woodland comprises 31 per cent. of the entire

area of the South, and undoubtedly much of this land will be put to other uses than timber growing. Nevertheless, the farmers of the United States now own at least 250 billion cords of cordwood, and this timber should produce a substantial part of their incomes. Farmers ought to make the most of their timber, and the public should be interested in this question for the reason that the vast aggregate of farm timber should be available to supplement the other sources of the general supply.

### WHAT IS A WEED?

The author of a bulletin in discussing a definition of a weed, says: "A weed has been defined as a plant out of place. This definition is not entirely satisfactory, for two reasons. (1) Because a plant may be out of place and still not be a weed in the popular sense, as rice growing in a wheat field or Kentucky bluegrass in an alfalfa field, and (2) because a plant may not be out of place and still be a weed in popular language as is described in a subsequent section of this bulletin on the good points about weeds. In reality a weed is a wild plant that has the habit of intruding where not wanted." These wild plants serve a useful purpose, and are "in place," yet usage which invariably determines a definition decrees that they are weeds. They are weeds through the fact they are wild and have the habit of intruding where not wanted, even though they may at some time serve a useful purpose.

### LICK CREEK.

Sunday school is progressing nicely at this place. Mr. and Mrs. Baz Wellman were calling on home folks Sunday. Tom Barnette was calling on his sister, Mrs. Della Thompson Monday. Carl Burchett, of Deephole, called on friends here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Morda Wilson were visiting their mother, Mrs. Marion Wilson Sunday. George Short was calling here Sunday. There will be an ice cream supper at the school house Aug. 28. Everybody invited to come. BLA'E DELL.

Deeds and Mortgages for sale here.

## GARDEN ANTS HARMLESS. WEST VIRGINIA

Do Not Injure Plants, and Nests May Be Easily Destroyed.

[Prepared by United States department of agriculture.]

An unusual number of complaints have been received this year by the department of agriculture from persons who say that ants are injuring their lawns and gardens. As a matter of fact, these ants do little harm, and the injury that is attributed to them is usually caused by something else. In large numbers, however, the small conical nests which they build on lawns are somewhat unsightly and on this account it may be desirable in some cases to destroy them.

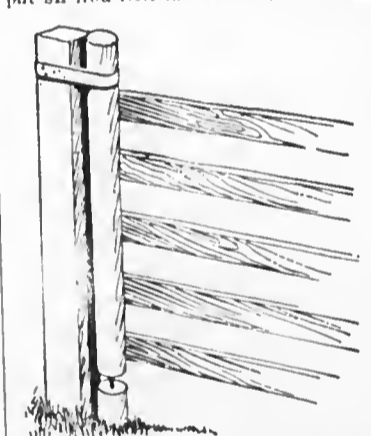
Where there is only a small area to be covered the simplest method is to drench the nests with boiling water. Another simple remedy is to spray the lawn with kerosene emulsion or with a very strong soap wash prepared by dissolving a common laundry soap in water at the rate of one pound or one-half pound to a gallon of water. Such methods are particularly well adapted to small lawns and for the ordinary little lawn unit.

For larger ant colonies of other species, bluishphide of carbon, a chemical which can be purchased at any drug store, will be found effective. This substance can be placed in the nest by means of an oil can or small syringe, the quantity required varying from one-half ounce for a small nest to two or three ounces or more for a large one. An oil can with a long spout is a convenient instrument, as it can be inserted into the nests and the liquid injected without its being brought close to the operator's nose, for the fumes of bluishphide of carbon, although not poisonous, are nauseating. To facilitate the entrance into the nest of the chemical, the ant hole can be enlarged with a sharp stick or iron rod. After the bluishphide of carbon has been injected, the opening should be closed by pressure of the foot in order to retain the bluishphide. This will penetrate slowly throughout the underground channels of the nest and kill all the inmates. It is important to remember that while bluishphide is perfectly harmless if kept away from all fire, it is very inflammable and may, under certain circumstances, explode when ignited.

Except for the unsightly appearance of their nests, however, the lawn ants do no appreciable harm. They enter houses very rarely and, on the whole, may be said to do no harm of any kind except in so far as they lessen the attractive appearance of the lawn. On the other hand, it is quite possible that by bringing up from the lower depths sand and earth they may distinctly increase fertility by forming a top dressing of soil mulch, and at the same time permit better aeration of the earth.

### To Hang a Gate.

Take a knot stake 3 by 3 inches in size and 18 inches long and drive it into the ground until only three inches are left above the surface. Bore an auger hole in the top of the stake and put an iron bolt in the hole; then bore



a hole the same size in the bottom of the gate post and place it over the bolt, as shown in the cut. Fasten the gate at the top with a piece of strap iron bent and bolted as shown.—Southern Agriculturist.

### Potatoes For Stock Feed.

The heavy production and the low price of potatoes have directed attention to their value for stock feed. Hitherto this subject has not received much attention in this country because under ordinary conditions other feeds are undoubtedly much cheaper and better. Some estimate that even at 15 cents a bushel it is more expensive to feed potatoes to stock than it is to feed silage, while on the other hand it is scarcely probable that the farmer can raise potatoes for much less than 30 cents a bushel. Their actual value for feed depends upon many factors, but it is better to make some use of the potatoes on hand rather than let them rot.

In Germany, where the potato crop is proportionately far greater than in this country, the question has been more thoroughly studied. The tubers may be used for feeding cows, horses, sheep and pigs, but they are best adapted for pigs. To secure the best results with swine the potatoes should be first be cooked and then made into a thick mush mixed with the cornmeal or other grain. If skim milk is added the value of the feed is much increased.

In feeding potatoes to dairy cows from one-half peck to one peck should be fed to start with. They should be given raw and should be run through a root cutter to prevent choking the cows. An excessive feed of potatoes to a dairy cow is liable to cause scours, but as much as one-half bushel a cow a day has been fed without bad results. In addition to the nutrients contained potatoes give succulence to a ration, a factor of importance in feeding dairy cows. The German experiments with potatoes for feed during the war illustrate the food value of the potato.

## ITEMS OF NEWS.

### Apple Crop in West Va.

West Virginia will lead every state in the union in the growth and production of apples within the next ten years, according to Commissioner of Agriculture Howard E. Williams. "The rapid strides that our state is making in apple growth is simply marvelous," said Mr. Williams. "The farmers of West Virginia seem to be able to put out larger and finer crops of the fruit every year and the average in West Virginia is booming with leaps and bounds."

### Reunion of Blue and Gray

Plans are being made for a grand reunion of the Blue and the Gray to be held at Spencer, Roane-co., August 24-25-26. The management have announced that nothing will be spared to make it a success in every respect. The main attractions of the reunion will be speaking, by noted orators, music and a grand camp-fire parade. We understand that several from this county will attend.

### Banner Coal Loading Month.

By a margin of almost eight thousand tons, the Chesapeake & Ohio railway system broke its coal loading records during the month of July. The total loading for the month was 2,224,020 tons. The best record for any previous month was established in August, 1914, when the loading total led 2,216,460 tons.

Frank Pulifisto, aged 26 years, a machine runner in the mines of the Main Island Creek Coal Company at Omar, was caught in his machine on Saturday night and received injuries from which he died in the Logan hospital on Monday morning.

Both arms were pulled away from the torso, and he was otherwise terribly mutilated. Interment was made in the cemetery on Mud Fork.

### An Election to be Held 1916.

At the November election 1916 the following offices will be filled: Sheriff, Assessor, Commissioner, County Court, and two delegates to the Legislature. A number of men on the Democratic side have been mentioned as probable candidates. A few Republican candidates have been heard from.

The new primary election law provides that all nominations shall be made on the same primary and on presidential years the primary is to be held on the first Tuesday in June. A small assessment is laid on all candidates, which is paid into the county funds and the county court pays all election expenses.

The aspiring lawyer have been here this court, quietly, and leaving a few preliminary remarks, and leaving the gap open for a more extended discussion on the same subject in the near future.

### Hale Jury Hung; is Discharged.

The jury in the Hale murder case failed to come to any agreement and was discharged Saturday. Judge Wilkins took occasion to severely reprimand John McCoy, one of the jurors, for his attitude during the case and disqualified him from further duty in the Logan Circuit Court. McCoy will be re-tried at the next term of court, it is understood.

On Tuesday application for client to be admitted to bar was by attorneys E. H. Greene and Amerson, counsel for Hale, and was granted by the court, bond fixed in the sum of \$10,000. Required surety was obtained and was released from custody. The men are T. S. Hatfield, G. L. Alk Harry E. Baskirk, G. F. Gore, G. Wagner, Elizabeth Wagner, V. White, W. M. Gore, Albert G. Mary Chadd.

The \$2,000 damage suit last against the city of Logan by Marie Nishiert was tried the first week, but the jury disagreed and other trial will be had at the next term.

Other cases recently decided: Ida Whit granted a divorce. Whit, Gertie Hall divorced from Hall.—Logan Democrat.

### What is More Natural?

Huntington Advertiser.—The Mingo Republican, in its issue, emphatically and earnestly advocates the election of Governor Hamfield to the United States Senate. It is more natural than that this be so? Is not the editor of the Republican the head of the republican government which was appointed Hamfield to take the place of a government elected people of that thriving city, and has been prevented from taking the government of that town on an appeal to the state's court resort?

### Grand Lodge.

The meeting of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, Knights of Pythias, Charleston August 25 and 26 is expected to be one of the best meetings in the history of the order. The grand lodge will be opened a public meeting in the opera Wednesday morning, the 25th, and after the address of and responses the grand lodge proper will begin and will continue Thursday evening, and possibly Friday.

### TORCHLIGHT.

Miss Peggy See, Eunice and Marcella, Mrs. Wm. Frayley and W. Healy spent the day with Miller Saturday.

Miss Peggy See spent Saturday with Ethel See, of Jenkins, and with home folks.

Miss Eva Miller and Mary Miller spent Sunday with Miss Miller and with home folks.

Miss Anna L. Bartlett returned to her home in Ashland Monday with her sister, Thompson. HAPPY 14.

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